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TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Troop Training Grounds

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DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 5 April 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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2. Between 11:10 a.m. and 2:35 p.m., 3 troop trains, each of 10 boxcars occupied by troops and about 40 flatcars carrying motor vehicles, were observed at the Vogelsang railroad station, coming from the direction of Zehdenick and proceeding toward Templin.¹

3. Between 9:15 a.m. and noon on 11 March, 5 columns of 5 M-3 armored personnel carriers and about 70 motor vehicles, including about 25 vehicles occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and some vehicles carrying billeting equipment, entered Camp Vogelsang from the direction of Zehdenick.

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The trucks towed 4 x 45-mm AT guns and 4 x 76.2-mm guns.

25X1 4. Camp Vogelsang was less occupied than in 1953.²25X1 1. Comment. units

25X1 of the 25th Tank Div from Prenzlau or army troops of the Fourth Gds Mech Army, which participated in exercises in the Mueritz Lake-Neuruppin area prior to 10 March.

25X1 2. Comment. Although the majority of the motor vehicle 25X1 25th Tank Div, it is not possible to definitely identify the units which arrived at Camp Vogelsang on 11 March. The 111th Tank Regt of the division stationed in the new installation or at least elements of the regiment presumably also participated in the exercises mentioned in Comment 1. The vehicles

25X1 of this regiment returned in the morning on 11 March. It appears, however, as if vehicles of other units of the division with billeting equipment also entered the camp. Other reports tend to indicate that this movement may have involved elements of the

25X1 division which were permanently stationed in Oranienburg and, on 5 March, left Oranienburg, for the Mirow area on 5 trains. Only one train returned to Oranienburg from

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Netzeband on 11 March.

25X1 25X1 [redacted] the unit left for a summer camp and that the Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg, was to be vacated by 15 March. [redacted] Further information is needed to determine the present location of the unit.